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Mr. Commissary *Von Reck*,

Who Conducted the First Transport of SALTZBURGERS to *Georgia*:

AND OF THE

Reverend Mr. *Bolzius*,

One of their MINISTERS.

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TO THE READER.

THE Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, *and the Members chosen by them to be* Trustees *for the poor persecuted* Saltzburgers, *having some time ago, promised to publish an Extract of the* Journals *of Mr. Commissary* Von Reck, *who in the Year* 1733-4. *conducted the First Transport of* Saltzburgers *to* Georgia; *and of the Reverend Mr.* Bolzius, *one of their Ministers (recommended to the* Society, *by the Reverend Mr. Professor*

Professor Frank *at* Hall, *as an excellent and pious Person, zealously affected to every good Work) do accordingly publish these Sheets; which being written Originally in the* German *Language, the Reader will be pleased to dispense with some Inaccuracies in the* English *Translation, which Defect will be made up by the Truth and Faithfulness of the Narrative.*

EXTRACTS
OF
Mr. *VON RECK*'s
JOURNAL
FROM
Dover *to* Ebenezer.

January 8. O. S. 1733-4.

HAVING a favourable Wind, we left *Dover*, and again set Sail. An universal Joy appeared amongst the *Saltzburgers*, who praised GOD that he had heard their Prayers.

Jan. 9. We discovered at Noon the Isle of *Wight*.

Jan. 10, 11. At Eleven in the Morning, having happily passed through the Channel, we left the Land's End.

Thus God was pleased to rejoice us, and give us Hopes, that, through the Continuance of his Mercy, the rest of our Voyage would be no less prosperous. May the Lord be pleased always to assist us; we are in his Hands, and to him we entirely trust our Souls and Bodies. Towards Night, the Wind increased so much, that it broke the Stay which held the Main-top-Mast; and we had been exposed to great Danger, if Divine Providence had not averted it.

Jan. 24. The Weather was fine and pleasant. According to our Reckoning, we passed the Latitude of the *Canary* Islands, and through the adorable Mercy of the Almighty approached the Trade-Winds, which are reckoned to blow all the Year from the Eastward.

Jan. 25. We sung *Te Deum*, and praised the Almighty with our Lips and Hearts.

Jan. 26. God was pleased to give us very fair Weather, with the Continuation of the Trade-Wind.

Jan.

Mar. 5. A *S. S. W.* aroſe, which carried us, through the Mercy of *Jeſus Chriſt*, within ſight of *Carolina*. We ſung *Te Deum*, and the 66th *Pſalm*, which was the Pſalm for the Day, and ſeemed adapted to our Condition and Circumſtances: and we truſt it will be a Pſalm of Remembrance to us upon the Day, which is to be celebrated every Year, as a Thankſgiving unto the Lord, for all his Mercies vouchſafed unto us. At Eleven in the Forenoon, we diſcovered the Coaſt of *Carolina*, all covered over with large Pine Trees. The Wind being *N. W.* by *W.* contrary, we could not reach the Point of *Charles-town*, ſo that we were forced, as we had been in our Voyage from *Rotterdam* to *Dover*, to ſtand off and on ſeveral times, in order to get more Wind. God acts with us, as he did with the *Iſraelites*: *Joſhua* was to circumciſe all thoſe who were willing to enter into *Canaan*: ſo God is willing to circumciſe, amend, and convert our Hearts, before he let us diſembark. Towards Evening, we met an *Engliſh* Ship, which came from *Charles-town* this Afternoon, and was bound for *London*. He told us the agreeable News of Mr. *Ogletborpe*'s being ſafely arrived the Night before at *Charles-town*, in his

Way

Way to *England*, which mightily rejoiced and comforted us.

Mar. 6. At six in the Morning, the Wind blowing hard at *West*, we lost Sight of Land; though at Noon, the Wind coming to the *South*, we saw Land again: but Night approaching, we lay off and on.

Mar. 7. At Nine, there came from *Charles-town*, a Pilot on Board our Ship, we immediately cast Anchor; and at Ten, the Captain, the Reverend Divines, and I went into the Pilot's Boat. At one in the Afternoon, we came to *Charles-town*, where I immediately waited on his Excellency *Robert Johnson* Esq; and Mr. *Oglethorpe*. They were glad to hear that the *Saltzburgers* were come within six Leagues, all safe and in good Health, without the Loss of any one Person. Mr. *Oglethorpe* shewed me a Plan of *Georgia*, and gave me the Liberty to choose a Settlement for the *Saltzburgers*, either near the Sea, or further in the Continent. I accordingly accepted his Favour, and chose a Place 21 Miles from the Town of *Savannah*, and 30 Miles from the Sea, where there are Rivers, little Hills, clear Brooks, cool Springs, a fertile Soil, and plenty of Grass.

Charles-town is a fine Town, and a Sea-Port, and enjoys an extenſive Trade. It is built on a Flat, and has large Streets; the Houſes good, moſtly built of Wood, ſome of Brick. Wheat Bread is very dear here, there being no Wheat Flour but what Gentlemen raiſe upon their Plantations for their own Uſe, and that is very good; or what they receive from the Northern Colonies, or from *England*; Rice is here excellent and cheap. There are five Negroes to one White, and there are imported generally 3000 freſh Negroes every Year. There are computed to be 30,000 Negroes in this Province, all of them Slaves, and their Poſterity for ever: They work ſix Days in the Week for their Maſters without pay, and are allowed to work on *Sundays* for themſelves. Baptiſm is rarely here adminiſter'd to the Children of the Negroes, and Marriage is not in uſe amongſt them; but they are ſuffer'd promiſcuouſly to mix, as if they were a Part of the Brute Creation. Being thus uſed, lays amongſt them a Foundation of Diſcontent; and they are generally thought to watch an Opportunity of revolting againſt their Maſters, as they have lately done in the Iſland of St. *John* and of St. *Thomas*, belonging to

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the *Danes* and *Sweeds*; and it is the Apprehenſion of theſe and other Inconveniencies, that has induced the Honourable Truſtees for *Georgia*, to prohibit the Importation and Uſe of Negroes within their Colony.

Mr. *Oglethorpe* ſent on Board our Ship, by the Pilot's Sloop, a large Quantity of freſh Beef, two Butts of Wine, two Tunn of Spring Water, Cabbage, Turnips, Radiſhes, Fruit, *&c.* as a preſent from the Truſtees, to refreſh the *Saltzburgers* after their long Voyage; for which Kindneſs (under God) we cannot be ſufficiently thankful to them.

Mar. 8. We thought this Morning to have gone with the Pilot's Long Boat, on Board our Ship the *Purrysburg*, for the Captain had taken here a Pilot, to bring us into the River *Savannah*. Mr. *Oglethorpe* had given us for our Guide Mr. *Dunbar*, who knows the Country very well, and was already ſettled in *Georgia*, near the Place appointed for us. We thought, I ſay, to have gone this Morning; but the Boat was too much loaded, and the Wind, which was *E. S. E.* though favourable for *Georgia*, was contrary for us to reach our Ship. We returned to the Town, and lay there.

Mar.

Mar. 9. We beg'd of God, that he would permit us to go to our *Georgia*. We went away this Morning at ten, and got on Board our Ship at two in the Afternoon.

Mar. 10. God bleſſed us this Day with the Sight of our Country, our wiſh'd-for *Georgia*, which we ſaw at ten in the Morning; and brought us unto the *Savannah* River, and cauſed us to remember the Vows we had made unto him, if He did through his infinite Goodneſs bring us hither. We were to day very much edified with the xxxii[d] Chapter of *Geneſis*, and the xxvi[th] of *Leviticus*. At Noon, we caſt Anchor becauſe of the Tide: at eight, during the Evening Prayers, we enter'd the River of *Savannah*; and were ſhelter'd by the Divine Goodneſs, from all Dangers and Inconveniencies of the Sea. This River is in ſome Places broader than the *Rhine*, and from 16 to 25 Foot deep; and abounds with Oyſters, Sturgeon, and other Fiſh. Its Banks were cloathed with freſh Graſs; and a little beyond were ſeen Woods, old as the Creation; reſounding with the Muſick of Birds, who ſung the Praiſe of their Creator.

Mar. 12. THE Magiſtrates of the Town ſent on Board our Ship an experienced Pilot; and we were carried up to the Town of *Savannah* by 11 in the Forenoon. They returned our ſalute of five Guns with three; and all the Magiſtrates, the Citizens, and the *Indians*, were come to the River ſide. The two Divines, Mr. *Dunbar*, ſome others, and my ſelf, went aſhore in a Boat. We were received with all poſſible Demonſtrations of Joy, Friendſhip, and Civility. The *Indians* reach'd their Hands to me, as a Teſtimony of their Joy alſo for our Arrival. The *Saltzburgers* came on ſhore after us; and we immediately pitch'd a Tent for them, in the Square of the Town.

I WENT to view this riſing Town, *Savannah*, ſeated upon the Banks of a River of the ſame Name. The Town is regularly laid out, divided into four Wards, in each of which is left a ſpacious Square, for holding of Markets, and other publick Uſes. The Streets are ſtraight, and the Houſes are all of the ſame Model and Dimenſions, and well contrived for Conveniency: For the Time it has been built, it is very populous, and its Inhabitants are all White People. And

indeed,

indeed, the Bleſſing of God ſeems to have gone along with this Undertaking; for here we ſee Induſtry honoured, and Juſtice ſtrictly executed, and Luxury and Idleneſs baniſhed from this happy Place, where Plenty and Brotherly Love ſeem to make their Abode, and where the good Order of a Nightly Watch, reſtrains the Diſorderly, and makes the Inhabitants ſleep ſecure in the midſt of a Wilderneſs. There is laid out, near the Town, by Order of the Truſtees, a Garden for making Experiments, for the Improving Botany and Agriculture; it contains 10 Acres, and lies upon the River; and it is cleared, and brought into ſuch Order, that there is already, a fine Nurſery of Oranges, Olives, white Mulberries, Figs, Peaches, and many curious Herbs: beſides which, there is Cabbages, Peas, and other *European* Pulſe and Plants, which all thrive. Within the Garden there is an artificial Hill, ſaid by the Indians, to be raiſed over the Body of one of their ancient Emperors. I had like to have forgot one of the beſt Regulations, made by the Truſtees, for the Government of the Town of *Savannah*, I mean, the utter Prohibition of the Uſe of Rum, that flattering but deceitful Liquor, which

which has been found equally pernicious to the Natives and new Comers, which seldom fails, by Sickness, or Death, to draw after it its own Punishment.

Mar. 13. I went to see the *Indians*, and their King *Tomo-cha-chi:* I caused some Raisins, of which they are very fond, to be distributed amongst them. It is worth taking Notice of, that as we were at Evening Prayers, after our Return from the *Indians*, who have their Huts at 100 Paces distance from the Town, one of the *Saltzburgers* should tell us, that he was edified to Day by this Passage of St. *John*, that *God loved all the World.*

Mar. 14. Mr. *Oglethorpe* had given Orders for three Horses to be ready for my Service, to take a View of the Country, and to ride to the Place where the *Saltzburgers* were to settle. I went this Morning at nine of the Clock, with a Constable and a Guide; but after we had gone a Mile or two, we enter'd some thick Woods, divided by deep Brooks of Water; and though we could with great Difficulty pass over some, yet there were others we could not pass; wherefore we returned back to the Town.

Mar. 15. I received the List of the Provisions and Tools for the *Saltzburgers.*

Mr.

MR. *Oglethorpe*, and Mr. *Jenys*, Speaker of the Assembly of *Carolina*, arrived at *Savannah*, from *Charles-town*; the first having out of Love to our *Saltzburgers* put off his Journey to *England*, being resolved to see them settled before he went. Having informed him, that the Floods had made it impossible for me to pass the Woods by Land; he said he would go himself, to shew me the Country, and see what Place I would choose. The Speaker desired to accompany him, and I did my self the Honour to make one of the Company. He sent to the *Indian* King, to desire two *Indians* to hunt for him in the Journey; who not only granted them, but his chief War Captain, *Tuskeneoi*, out of Civility to Mr. *Oglethorpe*, came along with them to accompany us. We went on Board a ten-oar'd Boat, to the Place where a House was building by Mr. *Musgrove*, * six Miles up the *Savannah* River.

Mar. 16. HAVING slept well in a Tent which we pitched under the Shade of a Tree, by the River side last Night, I accompanied Mr. *Oglethorpe* on Horseback, and the Speaker and others went by Water. IF

* Who afterwards came to *England*, Interpreter to *Tomo-cha-chi*,

If you ask, how a Country that is covered with Wood, and cut with Rivers and Moraſſes, is paſſable; I muſt acquaint you, that ſince the Colony was ſettled, the Ways were marked by Barking of the Trees, to ſhew where the Roads ſhould go, and where the Rivers were paſſable. After paſſing through a Moraſs covered with Canes, we came to an unfordable River, through which the *Indians* ſwam our Horſes, and we croſſed over upon a great Tree, cut down for that Purpoſe: The Tree was cut down ſo as to lie acroſs the River, and ſerve for a Bridge. And after riding ſome Leagues in the Woods, we paſſed another River. Night overtaking us, we were obliged to take up our Quarters upon a little Hill, round a Fire with the *Indians*, who brought us a wild Turkey for our Supper.

Mar. 17. We continued our Journey, and ſet out by Break of Day, and at nine arrived at the Place where the *Saltzburgers* were afterwards ſettled. I ſhall here give a ſhort Deſcription of it. The Lands are incloſed between two Rivers, which fall into the *Savannah*. The *Saltzburg* Town is to be built near the largeſt, which is called * *Ebenezer*, in Remem-

* The Stone of Help.

Remembrance that God has brought us hither; and is navigable, being twelve Foot deep. A little Rivulet, whose Water is as clear as Cryſtal, glides by the Town; another runs through it, and both fall into the *Ebenezer*. The Woods here are not ſo thick as in other Places. The ſweet Zephyrs preſerve a delicious Coolneſs, notwithſtanding the ſcorching Beams of the Sun. There are very fine Meadows, in which a great Quantity of Hay might be made with very little Pains: there are alſo Hillocks, very fit for Vines. The Cedar, Walnut, Pine, Cypreſs, and Oak, make the greateſt Part of the Woods. There is found in them a great Quantity of Myrtle Trees, out of which they extract, by boiling the Berries, a green Wax, very proper to make Candles with. There is much Saſſafras, and a great Quantity of thoſe Herbs of which Indigo is made, and Abundance of *China* Roots. The Earth is ſo fertile, that it will bring forth any thing that can be ſown or planted in it; whether Fruits, Herbs, or Trees. There are wild Vines, which run up to the Tops of the talleſt Trees; and the Country is ſo good, that one may ride full gallop 20 or 30 Miles an end. As to Game, here are Eagles, Wild

Turkies, Roe-Bucks, Wild Goats, Stags, Wild Cows, Horſes, Hares, Partridges, and Buffaloes.

FROM hence I returned to the Town of *Savannah*, through *Abercorn*, a Village newly ſettled by Order of the Truſtees, upon the *Savannah* River, near where the *Ebenezer* falls into it.

Mar. 22. MR. *Oglethorpe*, after a great deal of Fatigue, returned this Morning to *Savannah*; every thing was immediately prepared for his Departure, and he really thought to have gone this Afternoon; but the Multiplicity of Affairs, the Complaints which were made before him, and ſeveral other Things which fell out together, kept him back till to-morrow,

Mar. 23. AND then He went away. All the People were ſo concerned at it, that they could not refrain their Tears, when they ſaw Him go, who was their Benefactor and their Father; who had carefully watched over them, as a good Shepherd does over his Flock, and who had had ſo tender a Care of them, both by Day and by Night; and they were the more afflicted, that the Fatigues and Difficulties of ſo long a Voyage, left them very ſmall Hopes of ſeeing Him again.

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Mar. 24. *Sunday.* We were ſpiritually comforted by receiving the Holy Communion.

Mar. 27. Mr. *Jones*, who is a Surveyor, and I, went away this Night in a ſmall Boat, for *Abercorn*, in order to go from thence to ſeek and clear the River *Ebenezer*. It thunder'd and lighten'd; and the Wind being contrary and ſtrong, we could go up no higher than *Muſgrove*'s Land; where we lay under the Canopy of Heaven, upon the bare Ground, having made a good Fire to warm our benumbed Limbs; for tho' it be hot here in the Day-time, yet it is cold in the Night.

Mar. 28. After Breakfaſt, we continued our Journey, and came at Noon to *Abercorn*. At five in the Afternoon, we entred into a ſmall River, but at nine at Night, we perceived that it was loſt among the Trees and Marſhes. We entered the ſame Night into another River, more towards the *W.* very large, and having a good Stream, adorned with Woods on each ſide of it. At laſt, we reach'd a riſing Ground, where we landed; we cut ſome Canes, made a Fire, lay round it, and God granted us a good Reſt.

Mar. 29. We went farther up the River, but not without great Difficulties.

Mar. 30. Towards Night we came out of the River, which fell into the *Savannah*, 8 Miles above *Purrysburg*; so our Design was frustrated, by missing the River *Ebenezer*, and we returned the same Night to *Abercorn*, where we staid.

Mar. 31. We arrived this Afternoon at *Savannah*.

April 1. We put on Board a Sloop, Provision for three Months, with necessary Tools, and the Baggage of the *Saltzburgers*.

Apr. 2. We all went on Board the little Sloop, but found it was too much loaden; wherefore I went with only a few of the Men, and was obliged to leave the rest in the Town.

Apr. 3. We came to the Village of *Abercorn*, at Four in the Afternoon: from hence, we were forced to carry our Provision and Baggage to *Ebenezer* by Land.

Apr. 4. I stay'd at *Ebenezer*, and could not but commend the Diligence and Industry of the nine *Saltzburgers*, who were come before, and whose Labour God had given a Blessing unto. They had erected two good Tents, made of the Barks of Trees, one of which was 40 Foot long; and had cut down abundance

dance of Trees, in order to breathe a free Air: and besides all that, they were obliged in the greatest Heats, almost every Day, to walk to *Abercorn*, which is 12 Miles; and to carry their Utensils and daily Provision, upon their Backs. After this, GOD was pleased, to shew us a more convenient Road than the other, by which we avoided one of the greatest Brooks.

Apr. 5. I returned to wait the Arrival of the other *Saltzburgers*, who were to follow us immediately.

Apr. 7. THE rest of the *Saltzburgers* arrived.

Apr. 8. MR. *Bolzius* made ardent Prayers, that our Saviour would assist us in our Beginning, and bless our Labours with Success.

Apr. 9. WE began to make a Bridge over a Brook, and finished it.

Apr. 10. IN the Morning we went on cutting and cleansing.

Apr. 12. *Good Friday.* God was pleased to take to himself, the Soul of one of our People, called * *Lackner*. The Resignation and sweet Death of this Man, who expired the same Day that Jesus Christ

* See a more full Account in Mr. *Bolzius*'s Journal.

Christ did on the Cross, did not fail to touch every one, and raise in us a fervent Desire of enjoying soon the same Felicity, with our Saviour, in the Heavenly Jerusalem. We put up a Box, for the Relief of the Poor, and of the poor Chidren of the Indians; and as the first Foundation, we put into it the Deceased's Money, which though but small, we pray GOD to increase.

Apr. 13. THE Reverend Mr. *Bolzius* made a Funeral Oration upon the Words of St. *Paul* in the xi^th Chap. to the *Hebrews*, ver. 8, 9, 10. which suited the Deceased in every respect. At the Place of Interment, he made a very moving Exhortation, from *Heb.* iv. ver. 9, 10, 11.

Apr. 14, and 15. *Easter*. GOD was pleased to awaken our Zeal for his Service, and to animate us to more ardent Endeavours to enter through the strait Gate into the Kingdom of Heaven, and to pass through this Vale of Miseries, Troubles, Sufferings, and Persecutions, to the eternal Felicity which is prepared for Those who shall remain faithful unto the End, and who shall fight and overcome.

Apr. 16. OUR *Saltzburgers* continued to work upon the Road.

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Apr. 18. OUR People had made Sledges; I cauſed Horſes to be put to them, and we brought Proviſions to *Ebenezer*.

Apr. 19. THIS Day the *Saltzburgers* finiſhed the Way for Carriages; which ſurprized the *Engliſh* mightily, to ſee they had compaſſed it in ſo ſhort a Time; having built ſeven Bridges over ſeveral Rivers, beſides cutting the Thickets and Trees that were in the Way; and this for the Length of 12 Miles, from *Abercorn* to *Ebenezer*.

WE found before my Tent a ſtrong white Horſe; and as we wanted Horſes, and knew not from whence he came, nor to whom he belonged, we received him with Thankfulneſs to GOD.——I received Letters from Captain *Mackpherſon*, that he would ſoon deliver us at *Ebenezer* the Oxen which Mr. *Ogletborpe* had bought of him on our Arrival, to ſupply the *Saltzburgers* with freſh Meat.

Apr. 22. WE found another Horſe in the Woods to-day, which proved very fit for our Service. We found alſo very good Honey in a hollow Tree, which very much refreſhed us. Parrots and Partridges make us here a very good Diſh. The Earth is of ſeveral ſorts, ſome ſandy,

dy, ſome black, fat and heavy, and ſome of a claiey nature. The firſt is good for Potatoes and Peaſe; the ſecond for all ſorts of Corn; and the third for to make Bricks, Earthen Ware, *&c.* And the Meadows and Valleys are good for feeding Cattle, Rice, and *Indian* Corn: So that we might hope, with the Bleſſing of GOD, for plentiful Harveſts every Year; if there were more People who would apply themſelves to the Tilling of the Ground.

Apr. 24. THE Inhabitants of the Iſland of *Ediſtow*, having given 30 Cows for the Uſe of the Colony of *Georgia*, Mr. *Oglethorpe* order'd them to be ſent up to the *Saltzburgers*.

Apr. 27. WE ſent every Day loaded Sledges to *Ebenezer*.

Apr. 29. I WENT this Day from *Abercorn*, in order to take my Leave of *Ebenezer*, and begin to build a Chapel.

May 1. I HAD Lotts drawn for the Places for the Houſes in the Town of *Ebenezer*; through which all the Commerce from *Savannah* by Land to *Carolina* muſt paſs.

May 2. A SLOOP brought us ten Cows and Calves, from the Magiſtrates of *Savannah*, by Mr. *Oglethorpe*'s Order.

May

May 5. I RECEIVED by the † Post Letters from Mr. *Oglethorpe*, acquainting me, That we were to receive Twenty Cows and Calves, ten Sows, with Corn for to feed them, and some Fowls and Ducks.

May 9. A Sloop brought us ten * Casks full of all Sorts of Seeds; GOD be praised for it. We do not deserve, O LORD, all the loving Kindnesses thou hast done to thy Servants.

May 10. THE Indians brought us a Deer, which mightily refresh'd our *Saltzburgers*.

May 12. *Sunday*. WE prepared ourselves for the Celebration of a Thanksgiving, to morrow, to Almighty GOD, for his safely bringing us hither. The Chapel was quite finished, so that we could Worship our GOD in it.

May 13. MR. *Bolzius* made a Discourse upon these Words of *Jacob*; LORD, *I am not worthy of the least of all thy Mercies, and of the Truth which thou hast shewed to thy Servant*, Gen. xxxii. 10. The lx^th *Psalm*, ver. 9, 10. the lxvi^th, and cvii^th, were quoted, and expressed livelily our

† A Messenger goes by Land every 14 days, from *Charles-town* to *Savannah*, through *Ebenezer*.

* Which were sent from *Savannah*.

own Condition. I ſpake to the People in the Afternoon, and put them in mind of GOD's Kindneſſes, by an Enumeration of them, according to my Obſervations. I read the 26th Chapter of *Leviticus*, and the 28th, 29th, of *Deuteronomy*. I applied them to the Congregation, and we made a ſtrict Covenant with GOD, to ſerve Him for the future, with a more fervent Zeal, to give Him all that is his, to walk uprightly before his Face, to ſeek only the Kingdom of GOD, and its Righteouſneſs, and we renewed the Vows we had made, when at Sea. Have Mercy on us, O our Saviour; Guide us by thy Holy Spirit, into the Paths of Truth; and grant unto us, the Grace to perform in Truth and Sincerity, all that we have promiſed and ſworn unto Thee. After that, I took my Leave of them, and left them ſome Rules for their Direction, and was very much concerned, at my leaving ſuch good Chriſtians, and good Friends.

EXTRACT

Of the REVEREND

Mr. *BOLZIUS*'s

JOURNAL

FROM

Their Arrival in *Carolina*.

Thurſday, *March* 7.

THOUGH the Wind is fair, the Ship will not go into *Charles-town* Harbour, but lie at Anchor, till we get a Pilot to carry us to *Georgia*.

WE have Liberty to go with our Captain in a Boat to *Charles-town*, where

we intended to get our Habits made: But finding no Taylor here that understands it, we must endeavour to find one at another Place. *Charles-town* makes a fine Shew at a Distance in the Sea, and is very regularly built. What we observed here is as follows:

1. THAT every thing in this Place is very dear, except some sort of Victuals.

2. THAT they have here Money made of Paper, the Value of which is express'd upon it with Letters: and though you give the People Gold or Silver Coin, yet they give you the Change in Paper. This Money is current over all *Carolina*.

3. THAT notwithstanding almost every Thing is dear here, any Body that will work may get his Living.

4. THAT there are more Black than White People here; who all are kept to Work, but not to Christianity. Few are Baptized; the rest live like Brutes, in relation to the Seventh Commandment. They are brought hither from *Africa*, by whole Ship-loads, to be sold.

5. THAT the Weather is very hot here. In the Beginning of the Spring all

all Trees are in Bloſſom, and the Gardens full of Cabbage, Turneps, Radiſhes, Sallad, and other Fruits.

6. THAT we found here ſome *Germans*, who were very glad of our Arrival, and will come to us, in order to receive the Sacrament.

7. THAT three Weeks ago, a rich loaden Ship lying before this Town, was burnt to Aſhes, by the Careleſneſs of a Boy.

8. THAT the Black Slaves are about 30,000 in *Carolina* only. A credible Man told us, that about two Months ago, in the two Iſlands of St. *Thomas* and St. *John*, belonging to the *Swedes* and *Danes*, the Black Slaves had killed all the White People; the former being more numerous than the latter.

9. THAT Mr. *Oglethorpe* received us with great Kindneſs, and went with us to the Governor, a very good Man, where we dined. Mr. *Oglethorpe* told us many good Things of the Heathens that were to be our Neighbours: That they were good and friendly to every Body; but if they were offended, they calmly demanded Satisfaction three ſeveral times; which if denied them, they uſed no more Words, but never forget the Offence,

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and will revenge themſelves many Years after. If a Man behaved himſelf friendly to them, he could have of them what he pleaſed.

MR. *Ogletborpe* took Care likewiſe of the *Saltzburgers*, and ſent on Board the Ship a whole Ox killed, Wine, freſh Water, and Garden Fruit. He alſo ſent a Man to ſerve the People, and to bring us to *Georgia*, becauſe he knew the Way.

Friday, *March* 8.

WE went off with the Sloop, in order to go to our Ship again, but the Wind being contrary, we were obliged to turn back.

Saturday, *March* 9.

THIS Day we came to our People again, which cauſed great Joy. We found them all in good Health, and they had edified each other by the Word of GOD; which gave us great Comfort, when they told us of it at the Evening Prayers.

Sunday, *March* 10.

BLESSED be the LORD, that he has brought us within the Bounds of *Georgia*, upon the Sunday *Reminiſcere*; the Goſpel of which Day tells us, "That "our Bleſſed Saviour came to the Borders of the Heathen, after he had been

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" perſecuted in his own Country." He hath done great Things for us. He comforts our Bodies with wholeſome Food. And lying, in fine and calm Weather, under the Shore of our beloved *Georgia*, where we heard the Birds ſing melodiouſly, every Body in the Ship was joyful. Among others, we compared with this Goſpel the xxxiid Chapter of *Geneſis*, in which we find that the travelling *Jacob*, (1.) Remembers the many Bleſſings of GOD, and gives Him Thanks for them. (2.) That indeed he was afraid of his Brother: but at laſt, (3.) By Prayers and Tears, (collated with *Hoſ.* xii. 4.) was delivered from all Fear, and received the Bleſſings of *Chriſt*, (collated with *Epheſ.* i.) The ſecond Part eſpecially was enlarged upon, becauſe ſome were afraid of being invaded by the Enemies in their Country, as hath been told, *(vid. Gen.* xxxi. 24. collated with ver. 29.) Likewiſe, *When a Man's Ways pleaſe the* LORD, *he maketh even his Enemies to be at Peace with him.*

Monday, *March* 11.

THE Captain, to lighten the Ship, order'd that all Caſks of freſh Water ſhould be emptied, which we had now no more Occaſion for. Before that time,

time, the Captain was ſo ſparing of the Water, that the People could not quench their Thirſt; and now he is obliged to ſpill ſo many Caſks full.

Savannah, Tueſday, *March* 12.

At the Place of our Landing, almoſt all the Inhabitants of the Town of *Savannah* were gather'd together; they fired off ſome Cannons, and cried Huzzah! which was anſwer'd by our Sailors, and other *Engliſh* People in our Ship, in the ſame manner. Some of us were immediately fetch'd on Shore in a Boat, and carried about the City, into the Woods, and the new Garden belonging to the Truſtees. In the mean time, a very good Dinner was prepared for us: And the *Saltzburgers*, who had yet freſh Meat in the Ship, when they came on ſhore, they got very good and wholeſome *Engliſh* ſtrong Beer. And beſides the Inhabitants ſhewing them a great deal of Kindneſs, and the Country pleaſing them, they were full of Joy, and praiſed God for it. We, the Commiſſary, and Mr. *Zwefler* the Phyſician, were lodged in the Houſe of the Reverend Mr. *Quincy* *, the *Engliſh* Miniſter here.

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* The Miſſionary ſent to *Savannah*, at the Expence of the Incorporated *Society for Propagating the Goſpel in Foreign Parts.*

Wednesday, *March* 13.

OUR *Saltzburgers* were lodged in a Tent, pitch'd on purpose for them, till Mr. *Oglethorpe*'s Arrival from *Charlestown*. A *Jew* invited our *Saltzburgers*, and treated them with a good Rice-Soop for Breakfast. And GOD hath also moved the Hearts of several others here, to be very good and hospitable to us. The Country, as the Inhabitants say, is very fruitful; and the Land chose by us, which is about 21 *English* Miles from hence, is still better. All that is sowed, grows in a short Time.

Thursday, *March* 14.

LAST Night we Prayed on shore for the first time, in the *English* Chapel, made of Boards, and used for divine Worship, till a Church can be built; the Use of which is allowed us, during our Stay here. The Inhabitants join with us, and shew much Devotion. The *Jews* likewise, of which there are 12 Families here, come to Church, and seem to be very devout: They understand the *German* Tongue. Though the Chapel is but of Boards, it is very convenient, and pleases the *Saltzburgers*.

THIS Afternoon, we were carried to a Camp, which some *Indian* Hunters had

in this Neighbourhood, who were in such a Condition as made our Hearts bleed; for in the Absence of their Chiefs, (who were gone to meet Mr. *Oglethorpe*) they had much disordered themselves with drinking of Rum, a Liquor very pernicious to them, and which has occasioned the Death of great * Numbers. They were painted with red, and made strange Postures. The most part of them are marked with blue Figures on their Necks, Faces, and Bodies. They have Beads about their Necks, and Rings, or coloured Feathers in their Ears. The *Saltzburgers* had been with them, who likewise were touched with this Spectacle. In this Affliction, we went to Prayer, and unexpectedly met with this Sentence; *For* GOD *so loved the World, that He gave his only begotten Son*, &c. which so greatly moved our Hearts, that we gave GOD thanks for his holy Gospel, especially because we had seen the *Indians* Misery for want of the Gospel. At the same Time we conceived great Hopes, that God will shew plainly that he hath loved and still loves the World. In which

* This, among other Reasons, has given occasion to the Trustees, to prohibit the Use of *Rum* in the Province of *Georgia*.

which good Hopes we were ſtrengthned by the lxxiid *Pſalm*, which was read; and pray'd that God would have Mercy upon theſe poor Heathens, as he hath had upon others: we ſhall pray for them. By human Means it will not be eaſy to help theſe People, becauſe it will be very difficult to learn their Language.

Friday, *March* 15.

This Day Mr. *Ogletborpe* arrived here, and received our *Saltzburgers* and us in a very friendly manner; and we dined with him. He will ſpeedily give Orders that our People ſhall go to the Place intended for their Settlement. He being very ſollicitous that theſe poor *Indians* ſhould be brought to the Knowledge of God, has deſired us to learn their Language; and we, with the Bleſſing of God, will joyfully undertake the Taſk. The *Indian* Language, from the beſt Information we can get, containeth not above One Thouſand primitive Words; and can beſt be written with *Greek* Letters, becauſe of the long and ſhort Vowels; and ſome of their Sounds, cannot be expreſſed by any other Alphabet but the *Greek*. They ſay, that all Nations deſcend from two Brothers: that one of them, the Anceſtor of the

Indians, was red; and the other, the Anceſtor of the *Europeans*, was white. 'Tis probable, theſe their Thoughts are grounded upon the Hiſtory of *Eſau* and *Jacob*. They had known nothing of Drunkenneſs, if they had not learn'd it of the Chriſtians. They give each other ſeveral Names of Honour, according to the Time and Circumſtances, as a Title or Reward; whereby they encourage young People to Valour, Induſtry and Fidelity.

THEY have ſome Religion, believing a Supreme Being, which they call *Sotoſycatè*, * who is in all Places; though they would not teach us the Word, by which they expreſs the Name of GOD in their Language. They believe that from this Supreme Being comes every Thing, eſpecially Wiſdom. They uſe no Ceremonies, nor outward religious Exerciſes, except at a ſolemn Feſtival held once a Year. They worſhip no Idols; however they ſing ſome Songs about the ancient Heroes. They are unwilling to talk to profane People about Religion. They are very ambitious: for which Reaſon

* Literally tranſlated, *He who ſitteth Above.*

Reaſon they make War, but not to gain Land. They love to be praiſed; though they ſeem to turn it off, and transfer it to others. They ſhew great Reſpect to old People, to whom one muſt ſpeak firſt, before one can ſpeak to the young People. If any one diſhonours them, they are not to be reconciled. They account themſelves to be rude and ignorant, but are deſirous to be better inſtructed. Of *Indians* they have ſeveral Nations, the beſt among which are the *Creeks*, who talk one Language. One of the other Nations, who are called *Uchees*, are much inclined to Robbing and Stealing; but theſe *Creeks* are Honeſt, Serviceable, and Diſintereſted. He that does a Kindneſs to them, they will remember for ever. And they likewiſe are willing to give what one deſires of them, though they ſhould want it themſelves. If Mr. *Oglethorpe* was to deſire one of them to go with him to *England*, or any other Place, he would be willing; unleſs he had an old Father, who was helpleſs, and wanted his Aſſiſtance. They love one another, ſo that they venture their Lives for one another. They abhor Adultery: They provide for the Poor, the Widows, and Orphans. In their Language are no Words which de-

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note obſcene Things, or Oaths; unleſs they learn them from the *Europeans*. Their Kings do not reign with abſolute Power, but give Counſel. The King propoſes to the Old Men, and the Old to the Young Men; after which it is put in Execution. They do not contradict one another with vehemence, but endeavour to agree; and if that cannot be, the Superiors are not angry. The King's Office is, to divide the Time; to tell the Seaſon when to go a Hunting, when to Planting, and when to Harveſt. Likewiſe He is to attend the Sick, give them Phyſick, provide for Widows: and theſe are called, KINGS OF PEACE. When a King is not fit for his Office, they chooſe another. The Wiſeſt is their King; who doth not diſtinguiſh himſelf from others by Clothes. Beſides Theſe, they have War Captains. They give the King the Tenth of all they have. If a Preſent is made to the King, he doth not keep it, but diſtributes it among all, and keeps nothing for himſelf; and afterwards they give him back the Tenth Part, or pretty near it. The Widows do not cut their Hair, nor tie it up, but let it hang looſe. Every Nation hath a peculiar way of cutting their Hair, where-

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by they are distinguished. They honour Mr. *Oglethorpe* as their Father, and ask his Advice in all their Circumstances: He understands somewhat of their Language.

Our *Saltzburgers* have often been admonished very earnestly to abstain from drinking a certain intoxicating Liquor like Brandy, called *Rum*; which is made of Molosses, in the Islands of the *West-Indies*, &c. because this Liquor hath occasion'd the Death of many People. Some good Persons, who lately visited our *Saltzburgers*, are much pleased with their Devotion, and with the whole of their Behaviour; and on that Account, prophesy much Good to the Country.

Saturday, *March* 16.

In the Forenoon, an *English* Minister, belonging to the Garrison of *Port Royal*, was at our Church; and after Service, went with us to our Lodgings. He was glad to see us, and our *Saltzburgers*, and assured us of his constant Friendship and Assistance; and he will take Care to get our Habits made, and buy what is wanting in *Charles-town*. We intend to receive the Sacrament in *Savannah*, for which we prepare our selves, and our Congregation.

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By Mr. *Oglethorpe*'s Fatherly Care, our *Saltzburgers* have got their Provision for a Fortnight before-hand, as Bread, Rice, Flower, Meat, Peafe, and Sugar: Afterwards, they are to have it for 3 Months, fo that they can divide and ufe it as they pleafe, every one according to their Family. Befides this, Mr. *Oglethorpe* hath given every one fix Pound of Bread, as a Prefent, and aflured them of his further Affection and Care. Which Goodnefs makes the People rejoice, and blefs God. Mrs. *Rathe*, who hath been fome Days ficK, and is near her Time, hath all that fhe afks for, out of the Storehoufe. Orders were likewife given for our Maintenance; but we told them, we had received our Salary; and therefore we defired nothing, but that this Benefaction might be beftowed upon others.

Sunday, *March* 17.

Though it is but yet the Beginning of the Spring here, it hath for fome Days paft been hot, which makes the Nights, Mornings, and Evenings more pleafant. To every Houfe is allotted a good Spot of Ground, of which the People make Gardens, where they may have all forts of Fruit and Herbs. But at prefent there is very little

tle Greens in them, becauſe they have but lately been made. All Houſes and Gardens are laid out in a Mathematical Equality; which will make a fine Shew, when they come to Perfection. The People have Horſes, Cows, Fowls, *&c.* in plenty; yet Milk, Eggs, and other Victuals, (except Pork) is much dearer here than in *Germany*; becauſe, They do not care to kill the Cattle, rob the Calves of the Milk, nor take the Eggs, for fear of leſſening the Breed. For as the Settlement is but new, they are eagerly deſirous of increaſing their Stock; and the Cows go Day and Night in the Woods, with Bells on their Necks; The greateſt Labour, is the cutting down and clearing away of the Trees, for the Country is all covered with Woods.

Monday, *March* 18.

One of us dined this Day with an *Engliſh* Merchant, where the *Engliſh* Miniſter was preſent; and in their Diſcourſe they talk'd of the *Saltzburgers*, whom they commended very much, as as being laborious and religious, whereby they gave a good Example to the Inhabitants here. They came twice a Day from their Tent to our Chapel, where we preach the Word of God to them, and

pray with them an Hour: And several *English* People being also present, we have perceived that they admire them, because they answer our Questions so readily, and use the Bible, old and young. We wish that every one of our Congregation had a Bible, * then GOD would give more Blessing to our Devotion.

Tuesday, *March* 19.

MR. *Ogletborpe* went last *Friday* with the Commissary, Mr. *Zwesler*, Mr. *Gronau*, and a *Saltzburger*, to the Place where we are to live with our *Saltzburgers*, in order to shew them the Ground where they are to build their Houses. This Day the Commissary and Mr. *Zwesler* return'd back, and inform'd us much of the Goodness and Fertility of the Ground, as also of the Goodness of the *Indians*. When they promise a Thing, they keep their Word, and would rather die than go from it. If they find one in a Lye, they account him unworthy to look upon, or shake Hands with. An Old Man, one of the Wisest among them, believed, and told them, That the Supreme Being would soon send them some Person that would

* *N. B.* Bibles have been sent.

would ſhew them the right Way to Wiſdom, (by which they mean Religion) though He might not live to ſee it. They ſeldom aſk for any Thing of any Body; but if one offers them any Thing, they do not refuſe it. They love Equality; and will be pleaſed with our *Saltzburgers*, who both eat and labour in common. They very much obſerve Peoples Behaviour: They hate ſelf-intereſted People. They reckon themſelves all Gentlemen, and will do nothing but what they think to be generous: They account labouring and working for Hire to be a Slavery: therefore they will not work for Gain. They reckon it a Shame to wear Breeches. When they go a Hunting, they wear Boots of woollen Cloth. Some of them are willing to ſend their Children to our School: Of theſe Children we ſhall by degrees learn ſome Words. Mrs. *Muſgrove*, * who lives here, and is Daughter of an *Engliſh* Man by an *Indian* Woman, and ſpeaks the *Creek* Language, is a very good Chriſtian, and gave the *Indians* ſome Notions of the Holy Scriptures.

* She is Wife to Mr. *Muſgrove*, the Interpreter before mentioned.

We have learn'd ſome Words of their Language; for inſtance, τύκκα, Fire; αϐϐε, the Sun; ζυκκω, Houſe; στιλιτιαικα, the Heel; αφαλικα, Stockings; ἰφυα, a Dog.

We deſigned to celebrate the Memory of our Arrival here, and to receive the Sacrament all together; but we hear, that to-morrow Morning eight young Men of our *Saltzburgers* are to go to our Settlement, in order to build ſome Houſes againſt the Arrival of the Women, Children, and the reſt of the *Saltzburgers*; therefore theſe few are to receive the Sacrament to-morrow Morning early. We prepared them this Day, according to the Form uſed in the *German* Chapel in St. *James*'s in *London*. Three *Indians* were preſent, who behaved with great Decency and Reverence. Mr. *Oglethorpe* going to *Purrisburg*, took with him one of us, *viz.* Mr. *Gronau*, and recommended to him to preach to the *Germans* there, which he accordingly did. There are three Families of our *Lutheran* Confeſſion. And Mr. *Gronau* having preached before them out of *Gal.* ii. 20. they were very glad, and reſolved to come conſtantly to our Settlement, which is

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but a * few Miles from *Purrisburg*, to hear the Word of GOD, and to receive the Sacrament. They reckon the *Saltzburgers* very happy, in having their own Ministers, for at *Purrisburg* they are now without a Minister.

Wednesday, *March* 20.

THIS Morning early, Mr. *Zwesler* and eight *Saltzburgers*, who were to go to-day to build the Houses, received the Sacrament, in presence of some others of our People. After a Psalm was sung, and Prayers said, a Sermon was preached before them out of *Matt.* xxii. 1. (1.) Of the great Mercy of GOD towards Men: (2.) Of the Way how to become meet for his Mercy. After this, the Communion was perform'd. The *English* Minister was present at the Communion; and yesterday likewise, when Mr. *Rothe*'s Child was Baptized, who was born here since our Arrival: He was very much pleased with our Communicants, and the whole Order of our Divine Service; and afterwards, at the House of one of the Magistrates, who had invited him and one of us to Breakfast, he spoke in a very Christian manner of our Communion. The rest of the *Saltzburgers* are to receive the Sacrament next *Sunday*.

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* Three *German* Miles.

MR. *Oglethorpe* hath desired that one of us should go with the eight *Saltzburgers* to our Settlement, in order to preach the Word of GOD to them, before they go to work, and after. And because I am much taken up with writing Letters, and am to administer the Sacrament to the *Saltzburgers* who remain here, Mr. *Gronau* hath taken this Journey upon him.

THE *Saltzburgers* have (as the other Settlers in *Georgia)* received a Gift from the Trustees, of Arms, Houshold Goods, and working Tools, *viz.* Kettles, Pots, Dishes, Saws, Axes, Shovels, *&c.*

Thursday, *March* 20.

THE *Jew* and his Wife, who were before mention'd, are so very willing to serve us and the *Saltzburgers*, that it surprizes us; and are so honest and faithful, that the like is hardly to be found, as appears by the following Example. The *Jew*'s Wife had by Mistake, and in the dark, taken of a *Saltzburger*'s Wife a Crown piece for a Half-Crown piece, because the *Saltzburger*'s Wife had given her it for no more: when the next Day the *Jew* saw the Money, and his Wife told him she had taken it for half the Value, he went to the *Saltzburger*'s Tent,

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and asked for the Woman, and paid her the other Half-Crown with these Words; "GOD forbid I should have any Goods "in my House that are not my own, "for it will have no Blessing." This made a great Impression on the *Saltzburgers*.

BECAUSE these *Jews* shew a great Love for us, and have promised to see us at our Settlement, we hope we shall preach the Gospel of *Jesus Christ* to them with good Success. They were both born in *Germany*, and talk good *German*. They have taken very well what we hitherto have spoke to them.

Friday, *March* 22.

THIS Day Mr. *Oglethorpe* arrived here again, to the great Satisfaction of all the Inhabitants. He is to go to-morrow Night from hence to *Charles-town*, and from thence to embark directly for *London*.

Saturday, *March* 23.

MR. *Oglethorpe* did intend to depart from hence yesterday in the Evening, but many Complaints, and other Business of Importance happening, his Departure was deferr'd till this Morning. From what Knowledge we have of Him, we con-

conclude, that He hath a great Esteem for GOD's holy Word and Sacraments, and a great Love for GOD's Servants and Children, and wishes to see the Name of CHRIST glorified every where. GOD hath also blessed his Presence and Undertakings in these Countries. And the People being well perswaded of his Fatherly Mind, and indefatigable Labour for their Welfare, his Departure was very sorrowful to them. GOD bless Him, and bring Him well home, and hear all our Prayers for Him. He hath taken all possible Care of us.

THIS Afternoon, we held a Preparation with the rest of the *Saltzburgers* for the Holy Sacrament, preaching to them upon the Words of *Joel*, ii. 32.

Sunday, *March* 24.

THIS Day, at receiving the Holy Sacrament, Almighty GOD was pleased in an extraordinary manner to comfort the Hearts of the Auditors, *viz.* the Commissary Mr. *Von Reck*, and the rest of the *Saltzburgers*.

Tuesday, *March* 26.

IT is a great Pleasure to us, that Mr. *Oglethorpe* approved of our calling the River, and the Place where our Houses

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are to be built, *Ebenezer*; 1 Sam. vii. 12. *Then Samuel took a Stone, and ſet it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the Name of it Ebenezer; ſaying, Hitherto hath the* LORD *helped us.* Which Denomination is already known among the People that live hereabout. This Word hath at our Arrival here, and when we were yet on board the Ship, made us joyful to the Praiſe of GOD, and will do it for the future as often as we name the Name of our Town or River, or hear it named.

THIS Afternoon, an *Indian* Man, that is married, * cut both Ears and Hair off from an *Indian* Woman, his Wife, for being too familiar with a white Man. Mr. *Oglethorpe* hath left Orders behind him, to ſend our *Saltzburgers* to *Ebenezer* as ſoon as poſſible. The Commiſſary went this Morning with ſome Men to the River of the ſame Name, in order to take out the Trees that lie in it, and hinder Boats from going up, that our Baggage may be carried thither by Water.

* This is the uſual Puniſhment for Adultery amongſt the *Indians*. The White Man was tried by a Jury at *Savannah*, found guilty, and puniſhed ſeverely: With which piece of Juſtice, the *Indians* were greatly ſatisfied.

Friday, *March* 29.

YESTERDAY and to-day we had cold Weather, which is very surprizing to us, because the Weather hath for some time been rather too hot: This cold Weather is a Blessing of GOD; since the Vermin and little Flies, which incommoded us much, have been destroyed thereby.

Saturday, *March* 30.

AS, by the Help of GOD, we are now at more Ease, and in better Order, we can take more Care of the Education of the Children; who come daily several times to our Room, where they are taught proper Texts out of the Holy Scripture, and are Catechized. At Prayers, all is repeated in the Presence of the grown People, whereby they are edified; as well as by the Catechism, and Texts of the Holy Scripture, that are explained unto them. As soon as we come to our *Ebenezer*, we shall also begin to teach them Reading and Writing.

Sunday, *March* 31.

TO-DAY the Commissary and labouring People returned from the River *Ebenezer*, where he had found so much Difficulty, that nothing was done; and we are to make a Way by Land, which seems to be an Impossibility. GOD, who hath hitherto

therto help'd us to overcome all Difficulties, help us in this Case.

Monday, *April* 1.

OUR *Saltzburgers* have had given to them, from the Publick Magazine, by Order of the Honourable Trustees, Provision again for three Months; and of every thing so plentifully, that we cannot enough praise GOD for it. Besides the Provision, they have had an Addition of Houshold Goods, and Tools, for Building Houses, Tilling the Ground, and Arms and Ammunition, for Defence. And though We two gave Mr. *Oglethorpe* to understand, that we did not desire any Victuals, but would be contented with our Salary, and leave that Benefaction for our *Saltzburgers*, yet the same Provision hath been given to us as to the *Saltzburgers*. This Benefaction came in good time; because the most Part of our Salary was spent in Necessaries, as Clothes, Houshold Goods, *&c.*

Tuesday, *April* 2.

A HOUSE being built at our *Ebenezer* for the *Saltzburg* Women and Children, all our Baggage was to-day put on Board a Shallop; which was so filled therewith, that there was no room for the People. Therefore I, *(Bolzius)* the Physician, and

the *Saltzburgers*, must stay here some Days longer. Several of the *Saltzburgers* were displeased that they could not go with their Goods; however, they were soon appeased. Mr. *Causton*, one of the Magistrates, who hath the Inspection of the Store-house here, hath given unto the *Saltzburgers* Provision for fourteen Days more, because the former is sent on Board the Shallop; prais'd be God for this new Benefaction.

Wednesday, *April* 3.

The *Jew*, of whom mention hath been made above, hath shewn us and the *Saltzburgers* so much Goodness, that we could desire no more; and though we offered him a Sum of Money for his Labour and Pains, yet he refused to accept of it: Wherefore the *Saltzburgers*, that are still here, resolve to Till his Ground, and to clear it of Trees, and so make good again what he hath neglected for their Sake. We have had several Discourses with him concerning Judaism, and given him some Passages out of the Holy Scripture to consider on, which seemed to make a strong Impression on him. He and his Wife are pleased with the *Saltzburgers* Brotherly Conversation, and Christian Behaviour; and he talking of

of it to us; we told him, that thereby he might learn, that the Chriſtian Doctrine is a holy Doctrine, and that thoſe *Jews* who Blaſpheme, did commit great Sin, which he ſhould take Care not to do; but pray to GOD inceſſantly, to ſhew him the Way to Salvation: then he would ſoon attain to the Knowledge of Truth. They both fear GOD, and deſire to come to Salvation; and we hope to GOD, that he will alſo bring theſe People to the Knowledge of his Son. He was pleaſed, eſpecially, when we told him, that hitherto we had ſhewn our People out of *David*'s Pſalms, that tho' the *Jews* were now afflicted for their Sins; yet it was to be hoped, that ſoon the Time will come, in which GOD would raiſe this his People out of the Duſt, Contempt and Sorrow, and make them happy again for *Meſſiah*'s Sake, both which he aſſented to; and when we asked him out of *Hoſ.* iii. 5. Who is King *David?* He anſwered, The LORD *Meſſiah*, whom they would call upon in the latter Days.

Thurſday, *April* 4.

THE Indians come often to ſee us; they tell us many Indian Words; ſhewing us the Things we want to know in their Lan-

Language. It hath happened very well for our *Saltzburgers*, that they were obliged to ſtay here ſome Days longer, for they have got by it a good deal of Linen Cloth, Shoes, and other Things.

Friday, *April* 5.

LAST Night, the Veſſel which carried our Things to *Ebenezer*, came back; ſo that we, and the reſt of our Baggage, can alſo go thither. GOD be praiſed for all the Good we have received in this Place.

Saturday, *April* 6.

ONE of our Congregation, namely *Lackner*, is grown dangerouſly Sick, ſo that according to all Appearances, he hardly will recover; he is troubled with the Diarrhœa, and Shortneſs of Breath, and very weak; Mr. *Zweſler* the Doctor, aſſiſts him as much as poſſible; we and the *Saltzburgers* would be very ſorry if he ſhould die, for he is a godly Man, and a Man of very good Senſe, uſeful in every thing; GOD do with him as he pleaſes.

Abercorn, Sunday, *April* 7.

TO-DAY we arrived at a Village, called *Abercorn*, upon the River *Savannah*, where we muſt ſtay till a Road is made by Land to our *Ebenezer*; becauſe at preſent, the Trees hinder the Paſſage thither by Water.

Water. Certain wicked People having maliciouſly ſpoken falſe Things of our Place of Settlement, not only that it was impoſſible to make a Way thither, but alſo that the Ground was Barren Sand, and expoſed to the Invaſion of the Enemies. We ſhewed in the Afternoon Sermon, out of the Goſpel upon this Day, *Palm-Sunday*, *Mat.* xxi. the Nature of CHRIST's true Diſciples, *viz.* to go whither the LORD ſends them, notwithſtanding, it ſeemed difficult and contrary to Reaſon. That it is GOD's way, to lead his Children through crooked and ſtrange Paths, and then to bring them to a happy End. In the Application, almoſt the whole 26th Chapter of *Leviticus* was read to them, and it was ſhewn to them how we muſt do, if we will have a fruitful Country, Security againſt Enemies, *&c. viz.* we muſt live conſtantly in the Fear of GOD; on the contrary, that the Reaſon of Dearths, Barrenneſs of Soil, and Invaſion of Enemies, was Ungodlineſs, *&c.* And ſince GOD has ſent us in the Beginning of this *Paſſion-Week*, ſo near our temporal Country, we told them, that GOD who does all Things at his Time, and for our Good; thereby doubtleſs intended, *Firſt*, That

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CHRIST and his Sufferings ſhould be before their Eyes, and in their Hearts, throughout the whole Courſe of their Lives; and through them they ſhould ſeek Wiſdom and Righteouſneſs, Sanctification and Redemption. *Secondly*, That they as Chriſtians, ſhould continually crucify their Fleſh, with the Affections and Luſts; and that the World muſt be crucified unto them, and they unto the World. *Thirdly*, That they alſo ſhould prepare themſelves for a *Paſſion-Week*, in time, becauſe GOD's Children muſt have Trouble and Affliction in this World, inward and outward, whereby they become like their Redeemer, which is the higheſt Honour, *Apoc.* vii. 14. To this plain Diſcourſe, GOD gave his Bleſſing, and the People reſolved to go farther, in the Name of GOD, whether He would ſend them; for they truſted in Him, that He would remove all Difficulties and Sorrow.

Monday, *April* 8.

NOTWITHSTANDING it rained this whole Day, by Intervals, very hard, the *Saltzburgers* have made a pretty good Beginning, in making the Way; after having at the Place of their firſt Work, implored GOD for his Bleſſing and

and Assistance. This Work being for the Publick Good, and for the Benefit of all *Carolina* and *Georgia*, the Commissary is resolved to desire the Honourable Trustees, that a second Year's Provision might be given to the People, because they must at present work as it were for the Publick, and cannot begin to Till their Ground so soon. All who are able, now work with pleasure.

Tuesday, *April* 9.

The Wind being to-day Northerly, cooled the Air; which is strange to us, because we expected continual hot Weather in this Country. We all make shift, by Day and Night, as well as we can: The *Saltzburgers* have pitched two Tents; and we, the Ministers, live with two *English* Families, in a Hut in which we cannot sit dry when it rains, besides other Inconveniencies; it being low, and the Doors on both sides continually open, yet Providence preserves our Health. The chief Labour in *Georgia* is, that they must cut down the Woods, of which the whole Country is full, before they can Till the Ground. Here most of the Trees are Oak, but in other Places there are more Fir-trees, Walnut-trees, *&c.* likewise Frankincense, Vines, Sassafras, aromatick Herbs, *&c.*

Wednesday, *April* 10.

THE *Saltzburgers* take great Pains, and the Commissary labours hard in making the Way to *Ebenezer*. GOD reward his Christian Love.

Thursday, *April* 11.

MR. *Gronau* came from *Ebenezer* to us, and returned; because those *Saltzburgers* who are already there, must have the Word preached unto them.

Friday, *April* 12.

THIS Day we kept holy for the Honour of our Redeemer.

Saturday, *April* 13.

Lackner having been long sick, died last Night of a Ptisick and a wasting Fever: He died in the Lord, whom he loved with with his whole Heart, in Health and in Sickness. His Departure from this World was so quiet and still, that those who sat up with him in the Tent, did not perceive it. For a great while he longed for this Rest, and departing this Life; for which purpose he received the holy Sacrament with very great Desire and Devotion, not long ago in *Savannah*. He was a Man of good Sense, which he also employed to what was good: He was continually reading the holy Scriptures; prayed without ceasing, and by his peace-

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able and Christian Behaviour, he gave a good Example to others; his Example having been edifying to all the *Saltzburgers*, (for which Reason he was heartily beloved by them) we thought proper to make mention of his Christian Life, and happy Departure out of this World, at Prayers in the Morning; and to employ it to a general Edification. For this Purpose we chose *Heb.* xi. 8. He was to have had a Coffin made for him: but the *Saltzburgers* thought it unnecessary, being accustomed to bury no Body in a Coffin, but Women that die in Child-bed: So they dressed the Corps, after it was washed, in his own Cloaths, laid him upon a Board, and after he was brought to his Grave, in an orderly Procession, they wrap'd him up in a Cloth, and let him down into the Ground. Before he was carried out, the Hymn was sung, *Since nothing is more common than to die*, &c. and Prayers said this *Saturday*, remember'd us of God's Rest after finishing the Creation, and of our Saviour's Rest after his Sufferings: and gave us occasion to think on the Rest which all God's Children are to expect, according to the Words, *Heb.* iv. 9, 11. And before we left the Grave, we gave the People some short Precepts, Comfort

and Admonition, to which GOD was pleaſed to vouchſafe his Bleſſing.

Sunday, *April* 14.

THE Death of *Lackner*, and the Preaching of the Word of GOD on that occaſion, prepared our Congregation for the preſent *Eaſter* Holy-days; ſo that the firſt Day thereof was ſpent in great Devotion, though we are yet in an unſettled State; we wiſh that all Miniſters of of the Goſpel were bleſſed with ſuch a Flock; They pray for us, that GOD will give us Grace and Wiſdom to preach the Goſpel in its purity. During the Sermon, they are as attentive, as if they would devour every Word we ſpoke. After Sermon, we obſerve with pleaſure, that they retire ſeparately to pray to GOD, to convert the Word they have heard, to their Soul's Spiritual Nouriſhment: and by their Behaviour, we find that they are not only Hearers, but Doers of the Word. And they look upon it as a great Mercy, that the Word of GOD is preached pure to them; ſo they would (as they ſay) reckon it a great Puniſhment, if it ſhould be taken from them, or one of us his unworthy Servants ſhould die.

Tueſday, *April* 16.

THE deceaſed *Lackner* hath left a little Money, with which we have made a

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Beginning of a Box for the Poor, with the *Saltzburgers* Consent: God be pleased to accept this small Beginning, and increase it with his Blessing.

The Commissary is gone to *Savannah*. Our *Saltzburg* Men are gone to *Ebenezer*, having taken some Kitchen Furniture with them; and will, with the Blessing of God, continue to work in making the Way with all Diligence.

Wednesday, *April* 17.

Mr. *Gronau* came to-day back again here to *Abercorn*. The Men sent up from *Carolina* by the Trustees Order, to saw Boards for the Building six Houses for us in *Ebenezer*, have made a good Beginning.

Thursday, *April* 18.

We intended this Afternoon to see the *Saltzburgers* at work; but finding they were advanced far, made us afraid we should not come to *Abercorn* again, and we turned back. One must take care not to go into the Woods without a Guide. The whole Country is covered with Wood; and if one loses sight of the Trees that are marked, whereby the Way is known, one is in danger of being lost; as hath happened to two *Germans*, belonging to *Purrisburg*.

Friday, *April* 19.

This Day hath been very remarkable

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and comfortable; GOD hath not only edified Old and Young, by the hearing of his Word, but alſo ſhewn us plain Proofs of his Fatherly Care; *Firſt*, Our *Saltzburgers* have brought the Road to Perfection, which ſome thought impoſſible; and are gone to *Ebenezer*, to give GOD Thanks for his Mercies, and to begin to Work there. *Secondly*, A * certain Captain (left by Mr. *Oglethorpe*, with his Troops, to have an Eye upon the Behaviour of the *Spaniſh Indians*) ſent a Letter to the Commiſſary, deſiring that a Paſture Ground might be incloſed for ſome Oxen, which he would ſend ſoon for the *Saltzburgers*. *Thirdly*, When the Way was made, we wanted Horſes to bring our Baggage and Victuals to *Ebenezer*; but God, who knew our Want, ordered it ſo, that † four Horſes were ſent us from *Pallachoccolas* ‡; and a young ſtrong Horſe, that had no Maſter, coming to *Ebenezer*, was brought to us. *Fourthly*,

* Oxen ſent up by Captain *Mackpherſon*, purſuant to the Truſtees Order, for ſupplying the *Saltzburgers* with freſh Proviſion.

† Horſes ſent by Mr. *Oglethorpe*, over Land, from *Charles-town* to *Georgia*, being the Gift of his Excellency Governour *Johnſon* to the Truſtees.

‡ *Pallachoccolas* is the Name of a Fort, built upon the *Savannah* River, about 20 Miles above *Ebenezer*.

Fourthly, A * certain Man, who lives amongst the *Indians*, not far from *Ebenezer*, sent us some Seeds, though he does not know us.

Saturday, *April* 20.

BECAUSE there is not yet any Malt made here, the *Saltzburgers* have learnt of the *English* People, to Brew a sort of Beer of Molosses, with Sassafras, and the Tops of Firr-Tree, instead of Hops, which they boil in a Kettle with Water; some add Indian Corn: The Inhabitants here reckon this Liquor to be wholesome, and the drinking of Water unwholesome; but we prefer the Water to this Mixture, and find our selves well after it; sometimes we mix it with a little Wine. Yesterday in the Evening, we had much Thunder, with hard Rains, for an Hour; during that time, we sung some Hymns, and edified our selves out of the 29th *Psalm*, and 1 *Sam.* xii. out of which, we considered the great Glory and Mercy of GOD.

Sunday, *April* 21.

TOWARDS the Evening, it Thunder'd, with hard Rain, which about ten o'Clock grew

* Mr. *Augustine*, a *Welch* Gentleman, who since Mr. *Ogletborpe*'s Arrival, is settled at *Westbrook*, and built a House there, being 8 Miles from *Ebenezer*.

grew very vehement, and continued a long time. We and the *Saltzburgers* were very much incommoded by the Rain, that pierced thro' the Hut; however it did none of us any Harm.

Monday, *April* 22.

THE Weather clearing up, the People began to pack up their Baggage, to carry it to *Ebenezer*. We all are glad, that GOD at last will help us out of our present inconvenient Circumstances at *Abercorn*, into our Solitude, where we can serve him, and do our Business without hindrance. The Name of our Temporal Country, puts us in Mind of GOD's Blessings, and incites us to praise Him as often as we hear it named. We find in the Woods Spinage, Onions, Hyssop, and other useful Herbs, of which we do not know the Names, but are very good for the Pot, or Sallad. At leisure time, we shall apply our selves, together with our Physician Mr. *Zwesler*, who is a good Botanist, to examine the Herbs, and communicate the Knowledge of them to others.

THE Commissary being desirous to forward the Spiritual as well at the Temporal Welfare of the People, and being better qualified to instruct the * *French*, because

* There are some *French* Families settled at *Abercorn*.

becauſe he underſtands their Language, made this Afternoon, a Trial of his Talents, in a moſt pathetick Exhortation to a Chriſtian Behaviour; which he performed to Admiration.

Tueſday, *April* 23.

HERE are Bees, and great Quantities of Honey, in the Woods, which has as agreeable a Taſte as that made in *Germany*; and the *Saltzburgers* will make Hives, and gather the Bees. Here is alſo abundance of Fiſh, Fowl, and Veniſon.

Wedneſday, *April* 24.

GOD hath moved the Hearts of our Benefactors, who have made a Preſent to our *Saltzburgers* of 30 Cows, and will ſend them free hither; 12 of them arrived here laſt Night; GOD be praiſed for this Benefaction. The Way to *Ebenezer* is grown deep, by the hard Rain; which makes it troubleſome for the poor People, to carry their Baggage and Proviſion thither. Having as yet no Waggons, our People make uſe of a Sledge, till a Waggon is made; but it will cut very deep in the Ground, and be tireſome, eſpecially, becauſe the Horſes that are ſent us, are lean, and not uſed to draw. A *Saltzburger*, named *Mittenſteiner*, who

rode into the Woods, is not yet come back; he being simple, we fear he is lost; several Men, who know the Woods, are sent to find him; A Cannon hath likewise been discharged four times for his Direction, but he hath not been seen again yet. God seek this lost Sheep, and hear our Prayers for him: He is a good Christian, and a good Workman.

Thursday, *April* 25.

We edified our selves out of *Exodus* 19th, and 20th, and the 18th *Psalm*.

Friday, *April* 26.

The Horse which *Mittensteiner* rode into the Wood, came back this Afternoon, without his Rider; the Horse would have brought him back, if he had given him the Bridle. God have Mercy upon him, and grant that this Example may make others more circumspect. The Horse coming back without his Bridle, and the Man being not used to ride, and very simple, makes us fear he is killed with a Fall from the Horse.

Sunday, *April* 28.

Part of the *Saltzburgers* being in *Ebenezer*, and part of them in *Abercorn*; one of us performs the Service in *Ebenezer*, the other in *Abercorn*. God hath not

not yet heard our Prayers, which we have made in Publick and Private, for the loſt *Mittenſteiner*, we having had no News of him yet. The LORD's Will be done.

Tueſday, *April* 30.

ALL this Afternoon, we have had a warm and fruitful Rain.

Wedneſday, *May* 1.

THE Carriage of our Baggage and Proviſion goes on very ſlow, and troubleſome, becauſe of the Rain, and deep Road.

Thurſday, *May* 2.

SOME Days ago, an *Indian* Man, with his Wife and Children, arrived here in a little Boat, not far from *Abercorn*; and becauſe we had ſhewed him ſome Kindneſs, he brought us this Morning a Deer, part of which we gave to our *Saltzburgers* that are here, and other People; and he came again towards Evening, and brought us half another Deer.

Friday, *May* 3.

TO-DAY arrived a Sloop from *Savannah*, which brought us ten great Caſks of all ſorts of Seeds, for our *Saltzburgers* to ſow their Fields and Gardens with. GOD be praiſed for this Bleſſing.

Saturday, *May* 4.

To-day arrived the Cows and young Calves lately promiſed to our *Saltzburgers*. The Cattle are very wild; ſo that it is troubleſome to bring them to *Ebenezer*, becauſe they are uſed to run about Night and Day in the Woods.

Ebenezer, Tueſday, *May* 7.

Mr. *Ogletborpe*, who on account of ſome Buſineſs of Importance was not gone from *Charles-town*, ſent a Letter to the Commiſſary, aſſuring him of all Care and Affection towards the *Saltzburgers*; and that beſides the Cattle they had received already, He had ordered Hogs, Turkies, Geeſe, Ducks and Fowl, to be delivered to the *Saltzburgers*, as a Gift from the Truſtees, and that the Magiſtrates of *Savannah* would ſend us, whatever We, the Miniſters and the Commiſſary, ſhould think needful for the *Saltzburgers*. To-day I had the Happineſs of ſeeing *Ebenezer*; having been detained, on account of three ſick People, in *Abercorn*, Mr. *Gronau* being in *Ebenezer*. The good People are already much advanced in Tilling the Ground; and to the End that they may advance better, two and two work together, to aſſiſt one another. The Place they have choſen to build on, is very plea-

pleaſant and fruitful. They had liberty to chooſe a Place where they pleaſed.

Wedneſday, *May* 8.

THE People in *Abercorn*, as well as in *Ebenezer*, are troubled with Looſneſſes. It is thought, that drinking too much in hot Weather, is the Reaſon of it. They are too baſhful to tell it in the Beginning, when the Evil might be prevented. Some have had great Benefit by our Phyſick. We aſſiſt them in their Sickneſs: we wiſh we were able to ſerve them more. The River-Water will not agree with us nor the *Saltzburgers*; it being full of Trees and Leaves: wherefore we intended to dig a Well; but Providence ordered it ſo, that we found a Brook, which riſes out of a little Hill, and hath good and wholeſome Water, and ſaves us that trouble. This put us in mind of the Words, *Before they call, I will anſwer.*

Thurſday, *May* 9.

A Tabernable is to be made of Boards, till a Church can be built.

Friday, *May* 10.

THE many Benefactions Spiritual and Temporal, which we have received, and daily do receive from our kind and charitable Benefactors, oblige us to give GOD Thanks on a particular Day; for which

which purpose we have chosen next *Monday*.

Saturday, *May* 11.

God sent us this Day a very fruitful Rain for the Benefit of the Fields of the *Saltzburgers*, who work diligently. They are strengthned in their Belief, seeing they have not been mistaken in their Hopes; that they should not want for Rain: tho' some People would propheſy the rainy Time was already past, and the *Saltzburgers* had done ill in sowing their Seed in a sandy Ground.

Monday, *May* 13.

This Day was by the Consent of the Congregation, appointed for a Holy-day of Thanksgiving; on which our People met twice in remembrance of God's Blessings, and praised him for them in publick. In the Forenoon's Sermon, were explained the Words of the travelling *Jacob*, which during our Voyage, and here in *Ebenezer*, have been very comfortable to us, out of *Gen.* xxxii. 10. and thereby shewn, (1.) The Blessings God hitherto had shewn us; (2.) Our Duty, according to the Example of *Jacob*. Instead of an Introduction, we used the 107th Psalm, out of which we shewed our former Circumstances, and present Duty,

Duty, which GOD alſo hath bleſſed. In the Afternoon, we intended to explain the Words 2 *Cor.* v. 9, 10. but it could not be done, becauſe the Commiſſary, who was to go away next Day, would take his Leave of the *Saltzburgers*, and give them ſome good Advice before his Departure; which was very moving on both ſides, and cauſed many Tears. GOD bleſs the good Man, and ſend him the Fruits of our earneſt Prayers, and of all his Labour of Love and Faithfulneſs to us.

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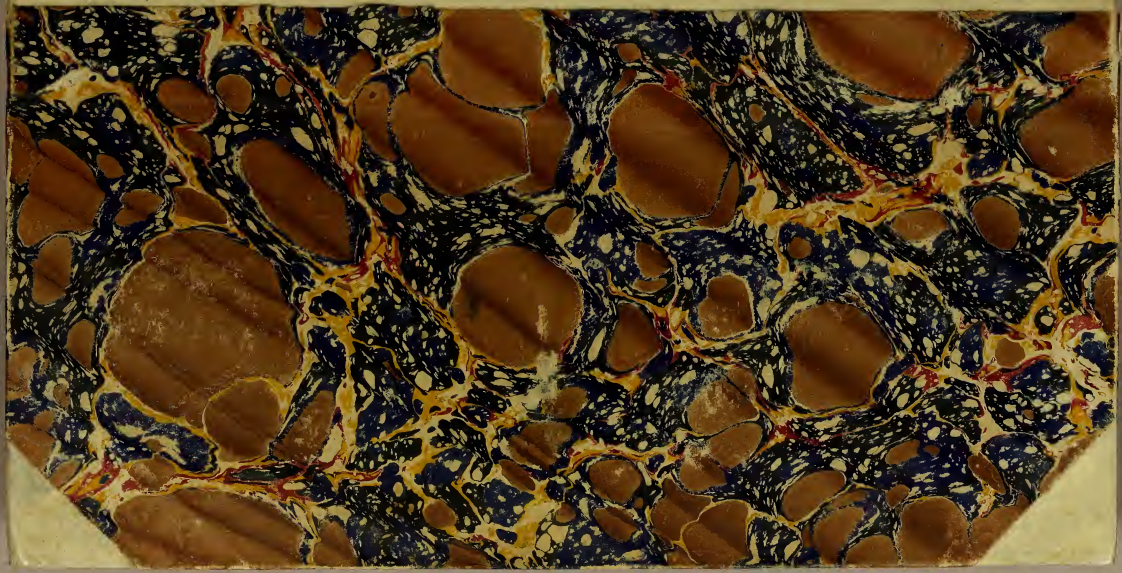
IF any Perſons, moved with the Calamity of theſe our perſecuted Proteſtant Brethren, ſhall be inclined to contribute towards their Relief, and will pleaſe to ſend their Benefactions to

The Reverend Mr. Archdeacon *Denne*, Rector of *Lambeth*;
Benjamin Hoare, Eſq; Banker in *Fleet-ſtreet*,
Sir *John Philips*, Bar^t. in *Bartlet's-Buildings*,
William Tillard, Eſq; in *Spital-Square*, *Biſhopſgate-ſtreet*,
} *London*;
James Vernon, Eſq; in *Groſvenor-ſtreet*;
The Reverend Mr. *Ziegenhagen*, (Chaplain to His Majeſty, and Preacher in the *German* Chapel at St. *James's*) at his Houſe in *Kenſington-Square*.

THESE Gentlemen will take effectual Care that the Sums of Money remitted to them, ſhall be faithfully diſtributed in the moſt adviſeable Manner, for the Relief and Benefit of theſe diſtreſſed Proteſtants.

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